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Doctrine Advocated for Districts Hereafter—One High School for Them All.

FARMERS ARE MEETING TROUBLE

Afraid They Won't Have Help Enough When Fruit Is Ripe—Boy Suicides—Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19. — Professor Deles Fall, state superintendent of public instruction, who addressed the Kent County Teachers' association here, is strongly against the district school. During his address to the teachers on "Centralization," he advised doing away with the district schools entirely, and having a high school in each township in which the young people could have better opportunities to "lay rich stores of knowledge by." He said that the district school today was either dead or dying.

Another Danger to Fruit.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19. — Farmers in this vicinity, and, in fact, throughout southwestern Michigan, are daily complaining about the scarcity of farm help and the high wages necessary to retain the laborers they already have. Fruit growers in general, especially, are already expressing grave fears for the harvesting of their crops, and say that unless farm hands be more plentiful when the crops are ripened, their losses will be heavy.

Driver Crushed to Death.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19. — Henry Hendrickson, 45 years old, a driver for the Columbian Transfer company, was crushed to death between a ceiling and a load of baled hay that he was delivering. The load was so high that when the horses drew him under the rafters of the barn his skull was smashed.

Knew the Enemy Was One Short.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19. — As the result of a coup d'etat, the police department will remain under the control of ex-Mayor Perry's appointees twelve months longer. A special meeting of the board was called when it was known that Commissioner Keeney, one of Mayor Palmer's appointees, was in Lansing.

ITALIAN BOY WAS HOMESICK

So He Got Hold of a Gun and Killed Himself with a Shot Through the Head.

Muskegon, Mich., May 19.—Unable longer to endure the separation from his mother, 14-year-old Joe Gunta, an Italian lad, shot himself through the head here. Young Gunta and his father came to the United States about a year ago, and both have been scripping themselves on the commonest necessities of life to bring the boy's mother and sisters to this country.

The father's business as a small peddler has yielded such meager returns, however, that it seemed certain that another year must pass before the family could be reunited. The boy has been despondent for some time, and repeatedly told acquaintances that he could not live so long without his mother.

His father, who was away from home at the time, was tenderly attached to the boy, and is almost crazed with grief.

Short Story of a Veteran.

Alpena, Mich., May 19. — Charles Phillips, whose body was found in the River Detroit, lived here many years, and at one time kept a hotel in Saginaw. He was a veteran of the civil war and a member of company B, Thirty-third Michigan, during the Spanish war. He left this city last summer. He was an odd character, of dissolute habits. He leaves a widow and daughter, whose whereabouts are unknown. He had no other relatives.

Indians to Demand \$500,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19.—A conference of the 300 Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Mason and Oceana counties was held at Fern and it was decided to demand \$500,000 of the government, which they claim is due them under terms of a treaty of 1795. Joseph Cushtaw, the Pottawatomie, who secured liberal concessions for his tribe from the government, will assist the Ottawas and Chippewas in the prosecution of their claim.

Found the Corporation Guilty.

Detroit, May 19.—The coroner's jury rendered a verdict finding the Grand Trunk railway responsible for the accident at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets the night of May 3, when a Grand Trunk train ran into a number of Polish excursionists from Toledo, who were boarding a Lake Shore excursion train at that point.

Strike Situation Relieved.

Jackson, Mich., May 19.—The labor situation here, where 2,000 men employed in the building trades have been plying in the building trades have been locked out for the past week, was materially relieved when the employers reopened their shops, and continued work on their contracts. There are still, however, 300 laborers on strike.

Insane Patient Shoots Himself.

Battle Creek, Mich., May 19.—Herbert Woodcock, of Bridgeport, who came here to receive treatment for mental troubles, shot himself, probably fatally. He escaped from his attendants and ran into a shed, where he fired a shot through his temple.

BIG FIRE AT BAY CITY

Masonic Temple Burns, the Total Loss Being Estimated at a Cool \$100,000.

ELECTRICAL STORM IS THE CAUSE

Coal Diggers Strike for Car Fare—Dead Girl's Case Proves Sensational—State News.

Bay City, Mich., May 20.—The Masonic Temple here has been destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000, with only \$40,000 insurance. A meeting of the Scottish Rite bodies of the city was in session at the time the fire started. It is believed the flames originated from the results of a severe electric storm that played havoc with the wires in the building. The temple was the home of two blue lodges, two chapters, the commandery and Scottish rite bodies. It is said the temple will be rebuilt immediately.

Disappointed So They Struck.

Bay City, Mich., May 20.—All of 150 coal miners working for Handy Bros. had been in the habit of going to work on the Michigan Central's Midland branch, and paying 15 cents each for the round trip. When the firm owning the mines started up its own railway, the miners expected to get free rides. When they found that they were being charged just the same as before, they promptly quit work. The miners living right at the Wolverine mine imitated their action, so the mine is idle. The miners say that it is not a strike, but that they will work at the others mines until President Carven can arrange the matter of transportation to and from the mines.

Murder Trial Is Farcical.

Bay City, Mich., May 20.—The proceedings at the hearing of Marshall Hodge and Frank Bardwell in Justice King's court were rather farcical. The men, charged with murder, joked and laughed with the mother, sister and brother-in-law of the dead girl, while Prosecutor Annge told Attorney E. F. Snow, of Saginaw, after much parleying for delay by the defense, that he had endured "a very windy snow storm all day," and that he would adjourn to next Saturday only on condition that the defense do then produce some witnesses and stop useless storming.

HER DEATH WAS A CRIME

Post-Mortem Examination Puts a Well-Known Doctor Under Suspicion—She Left a Statement.

Port Huron, Mich., May 20.—A sensation was created here when it was learned that a quiet investigation had been conducted regarding the death of Helen Griffin, 17 years old, who resided on Garfield street, with her parents, and that a post-mortem examination made after her body was exhumed, disclosed the fact that she had been killed by a criminal operation.

The name of a well-known doctor in this city is connected with the case, but it is said that he has a statement, signed by the girl, to the effect that she herself was responsible. A coroner's jury was impaneled, but it has not yet rendered a verdict. Whether prosecution will follow may depend upon the jury's findings. The names of several well-known young men have been connected with the matter.

Hit on a Dangerous Crossing.

Chelsea, Mich., May 20. — Peter Young, a Sylvan township farmer, received scalp wounds and several injuries less severe when a Michigan Central train struck him on the Sylvan Center crossing. His escape from death was remarkable, as the buggy in which he was riding was smashed into bits. The crossing is a particularly dangerous one, as travelers cannot see an approaching train until they are on the tracks.

Old Man Arrested for Murder.

Owosso, Mich., May 20. — Francis Thill, of Six-Mile Creek, has been arrested for the alleged murder of Frederick Marker, of New Haven township. Thill is aged 81 and his victim 22. It is said that several young farmers entered the old man's shack and during a fight that followed Thill struck Marker on the head with a club while the former was defending himself from personal violence.

In Memory of the Battery.

Coldwater, Mich., May 20. — The twenty-ninth annual reunion of the famous Loomis battery is being held in this city today. A tablet will be unveiled with elaborate exercises. One of the Parrott guns with which this battery achieved national fame has been restored to its old-time beauty, and will occupy a prominent place adjoining the tablet.

'Varsity's Water Supply.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 20.—While the regents have taken no action on the proposition to get an independent supply of water for the university, they have been looking at the lakes west of the city and considering the advisability of extending a pipe to one of them.

Fire Was the Death of Him.

Byron, Mich., May 20.—Fire started in J. D. Williams' rooms over his hardware store. Williams, who has for years been an invalid, was rescued unconscious, and he died. He was a veteran, 84 years of age, and had been in business in Byron for twenty years.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VIII. SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 24.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xxvi, 19-29. Memory Verses, 27-29—Golden Text, Acts xxvi, 22—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1903, by American Press Association.] 19. Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.

Our last lesson gave us Paul's testimony before Felix and his wife. After two years Festus succeeded Felix, and Paul was still a prisoner. The hatred of the high priest and the Jewish rulers was unabated, and they were still longing to kill Paul. Festus told them to come to Caesarea and give their testimony against him, which they did, but, as before, could prove nothing. When Festus asked him if he was willing to go to Jerusalem and be tried there, he appealed to Caesar. In due time King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to visit Festus, and he tells them of Paul the prisoner and how the whole trouble between him and his accusers seemed to be about "one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive" (xxvi, 19). King Agrippa desiring to hear him, and he, with Bernice and all the great ones being assembled, Paul is brought before them and is permitted to speak for himself. He told of his early life, his zeal in the Jews' religion, the appearance of the Lord Jesus to him on the way to Damascus and His commission to carry to the gentiles the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and inheritance in the kingdom through Jesus Christ.

20. 21. That they should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance.

These things he preached as he was commissioned at Damascus, Jerusalem, throughout Judea and to the gentiles, and because of this, he said, the Jews wanted to kill him. Well, they had killed the Lord Jesus and Stephen and James and others, and Paul himself had taken a hand in some of it, so he knew just what it meant and why it was, and no one knew better. But his eyes had been opened, and now the risen Christ was to him the greatest reality in the universe.

22. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come.

All could see that there were certain writings and a certain person spoken of in those writings in which and in whom Paul had absolute confidence. It was certainly a great privilege thus to be permitted to bear witness to Christ and the Scriptures before such a congregation, but it was a very serious matter for the congregation. Better for them never to have heard the good news than to hear and reject it. Yet we are commissioned to proclaim it to every creature, and God will take care of the results.

23. That Christ should suffer and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead and should show light unto the people and to the gentiles.

Christ Himself taught that it behooved Him to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations (Luke xxiv, 46, 47). The gospel which Paul preached was that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that through Him is preached the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified from all things (I Cor. xv, 3, 4; Acts xiii, 38, 39).

24-25. And as he thus spake for himself Festus said, with a loud voice: Paul, thou art beside thyself. Much learning doth make thee mad.

Paul said that he was not mad, but had only spoken words of truth and soberness and was persuaded that Agrippa knew the truth of the things whereof he had spoken. In Isa. lix, 15, margin, it is written, "Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil is accounted mad." In Hos. ix, 7, we read, "The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad." They said to the Lord Jesus, "Thou art a Samaritan and hast a devil" (John vii, 20; viii, 48); so we need not wonder when hard things are said of us or to us for Christ's sake.

27. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Paul was persuaded that the king was not ignorant of the events which had so recently transpired at Jerusalem or of the predictions thus in part fulfilled. If the question should be asked of believers now, "Believest thou the prophets?" the answers might be very varied, but no doubt many would have to plead ignorance of what the prophets had written.

28. 29. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

The revised version says, "With but little persuasion thou wouldst fain make me a Christian." Paul's reply that he earnestly wished before God that all who heard him that day were not only almost, but altogether, Christians seems to me to indicate that Agrippa was much moved thereto. But, alas, almost a Christian is to be lost. Balaam and Judas Iscariot were perhaps as near to being Christians as men could be, yet we have no reason to think that either was saved. There is great reason to fear that many church members, moral, religious people, in good standing, are only "almost Christians." This certainly is true, that if any are depending on their morality, church membership, baptism, knowledge of Scripture or anything short of actually receiving Christ they are not saved, for "he that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John v, 12).

Churches With Few Attendants. Many churches in the central districts of London, each occupying ground worth \$1,000,000, have congregations on Sunday morning of not more than a dozen persons, and usually half of them are curious Yankees.

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